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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Shubhendu S. MUKHERJEE	§	Confirmation No.:	2964
Serial No.:	09/652,322	§	Group Art Unit:	2141
Filed:	August 31, 2000	§	Examiner:	Q. N. Nguyen
For:	Priority Rules For Reducing Network Message Routing Latency	§	Docket No.:	200301777-1

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 20, 2004**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 25, 2004

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.